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Caltrans Targets Maintenance Needs with 'Swarm' Operation on Eastbound I-10 (Santa Monica Freeway) in Los Angeles

Multiple crews will be working on Sunday, July 9

LOS ANGELES — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will deploy multiple crews and community service workers for a “swarm” maintenance operation along the eastbound Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) on Sunday, July 9, from 4 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The swarm operation involves many kinds of maintenance work done simultaneously. For safety, Caltrans will close all on- and off-ramps on the eastbound Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) between Arlington Avenue and Hoover Street.

Caltrans also will close the eastbound collector-distributor road adjacent to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) from Arlington Avenue to Hoover Street. The collector-distributor road is adjacent to the freeway and connects it to on- and off-ramps. The mainline freeway lanes will remain open during the swarm.

Multiple crews will be working at the same time to repair pot holes, sweep the roadway, remove litter and graffiti, replace signs, trim trees, clear weeds, repair guardrail and irrigation, re-stripe the roadway, re-lamp overhead lights, install new ramp meters, inspect and clean drains and culverts, and place mulch in landscaped areas.

Caltrans maintenance crews generally have only a brief closure window in locations with large amounts of traffic. By increasing the window to eight hours and placing hundreds of personnel into one closure, crews will be able accomplish several tasks all at once, reducing the need for future closures and minimizing future inconvenience for motorists.

Motorists should expect delays during the swarm. Signed detours will be in place, directing drivers to use the Hoover Street on-ramp to eastbound I-10.

Caltrans reminds drivers to “Be Work Zone Alert” and “Slow for the Cone Zone.”

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